

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/670,739

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment dated 3/13/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-9, 11-16, 19-24 and 27-30 (re-numbered 1-24).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. This Office Action is in response to Applicant's amendment dated March 13, 2007 in response to USPTO Office Action dated December 13, 2006.

The cancellation of claims 1, 10, 17-18 and 25-26; the amendments to claims 2-4, 11-13, 19, 22 and 27 and Applicant's remarks are sufficient to place the application in a condition for allowance as set forth hereinbelow.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

2. Claims 2-9, 11-16, 19-24 and 27-30 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Relative to claims 2 and 11, the major difference between the teachings of the prior art of record (Martinelli et al. (USP 6,239,790); Geaghan et al. (Pub. No. US 2003/0063073) and Itoh et al. (Pub. No. US 2002/0113779)) and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach** a touch panel wherein a touch area of the touch panel is partitioned into a first region and a second region, and the activation force is set to the value between 80g-150g within the first region of the touch area of the touch panel.

Relative to claims 4 and 13, the major difference between the teachings of the said prior art of record and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach** a touch panel apparatus wherein the touch panel controller computes a first coordinate value for a first touch generated in the touch panel, and the touch panel controller computes a second coordinate

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value corresponding to a second touch and determines whether there is an error in the second coordinate value due to a double touching by comparing the second coordinate value to a preset reference coordinate value when an input signal corresponding to the second touch is received within a predefined time period.

Relative to claims 19 and 27, the major difference between the teachings of the said prior art of record and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach** the method step of generating a preset reference coordinate value; and determining whether there is an error in the second coordinate value due to a double touching by comparing the second coordinate value to the preset reference coordinate value.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U. S. Patent No.	6,239,790	Martinelli et al.
U, S. Patent No.	5,341,308	Young
Pub. No.	US 2003/0063073	Geaghan et al.
Pub. No.	US 2002/0180710	Roberts
Pub. No.	US 2002/0175836	Roberts

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***To Respond***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent E. Kovalick whose telephone number is 571-272-7669. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30- 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on 571-272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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